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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: RETROVIRAL NUCLEIC MATERIAL AND NUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS, IN
PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND/OR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC, PROPHYLACTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC USES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 13, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 as follows:

Claim 8, line 4, delete "at nucleotide [sic]".

Claim 13, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 3--.

Claim 18, line 5, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

Claim 20, line 7, change "any one of claims 8 to 11" to --claim 8--.

Claim 22, lines 3-5, change "any one of claims 1 to 7 or a fragment according to any
one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 1--.

Claim 23, lines 2-3, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

Claim 25, lines 5-6, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

Claim 26, lines 7-8, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.